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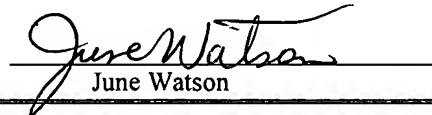
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Applicant: Plaetinck, et al.
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This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed on February 23, 2005. This accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

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Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time.

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